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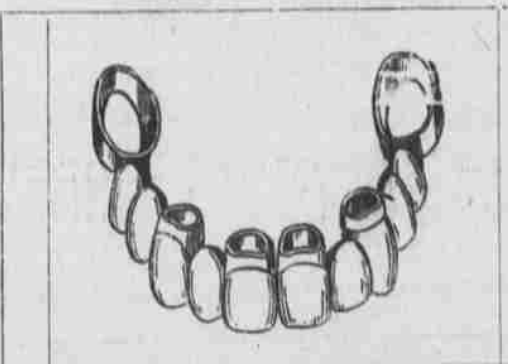
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THE HEROIC ACTION OF THE CAPTURED TROOPS

Did Not Succumb to the Enemy Until They Had Shot Away Their Last Cartridge.

FIGHTING RESUMED AT LADYSMITH

An Artillery Duel Between Besiegers and Besieged in Progress When Last Reports Were Received--The English are Confident of Their Ability to Withstand the Boers.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The gloom caused by the British disaster at Ladysmith was in a measure relieved by today's story, giving an account of the heroic stand made by the decimated battalions until their last cartridge was gone. The British nerve was momentarily shaken by General White's use of the word "capitulation" in the first telegram, but now that it is known that the Gloucesters and fusiliers fought against overwhelming odds and upheld the best traditions of the British army, the tension has been relieved, since there is no longer any ground to decide that the loss of life was accompanied by dishonor.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The British war office today made public a dispatch received from General White, describing the operations of Monday. It was as follows:

"LADYSMITH, Oct. 31, 7:30 p. m.—I took out from Ladysmith a brigade of mounted troops, two brigade divisions of Royal artillery, the Natal field battery and two brigades of infantry, to reconnoiter in force the enemy's main position to the north, and, if opportunity should offer, to capture the hill behind Farquhar's farm, which had, on the previous day, been held in strength by the enemy.

"In connection with this advance, a column consisting of the Tenth mountain artillery, four half companies of Gloucesters and six companies of Royal Irish fusiliers, the whole under Lieutenant Colonel Carlton and Major Adye, deputy assistant adjutant general, was dispatched at 11 p. m. of the 25th to march by night up Bell Spruit and seize Nicholson's Nek, or some position near Nicholson's Nek, thus turning the enemy's right flank.

"The main advance was successfully carried out, the objective attack being found evacuated. An artillery duel which ensued between our field batteries and the enemy's guns is understood to have caused heavy loss to the enemy. The reconnaissance forced the enemy to fully disclose his position, and after a strong counter attack on our right infantry, the brigade and cavalry had been repulsed. The troops were slowly withdrawn to camp, pickets being left on observation. Late in the engagement the naval contingent under Captain Lumbler came into action and, with their extremely accurate fire, the enemy's guns of position.

"The circumstances which attended the movement of Carlton's column are not yet fully known, but from reports received, the column appears to have carried out the night march unmolested, until within two miles of Nicholson's Nek. At this point two boulders rolled from the hill and a few rifle shots stampeded the infantry ammunition mules. The stampede spread to the battery mules, which broke loose from their leaders and ran away with practically the whole of the gun equipment and a greater portion of the small-arm ammunition. The reserve was similarly lost.

"The infantry battalions, however, fixed bayonets and, accompanied by a personnel of artillery, seized the hill on the left of the road two miles from the Nek, with but little opposition. There they remained unmolested until day, their time being occupied in organizing the defense of the hill. At dawn the skirmish attack on our position was commenced by the enemy, but made no way until 9:20 a. m., when reinforcements enabled them to rush to the attack with great energy. Their fire became very searching, and two com-

FIGHTING AGAIN.

An Artillery Duel See Progress at Ladysmith.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—It was announced today in a special dispatch from Ladysmith that the Boers again closed around that place on Monday night, sending shells into the British camp. Two guns, landed from the British cruiser Powerful, opened fire at dawn Tuesday. The Boers brought up more guns, but some of them were silenced. It is added the Boers' loss must have been heavy.

The garrison of Ladysmith is described as being in good spirits, and confident, and the troops are said to be full of fight. The artillery duel was still in progress Tuesday night.

BERLIN, Nov. 1.—The Tageblatt says Count Bothmer, president of the German Peace Society, has telegraphed to Queen Victoria praying her to accept the mediation of the United States in the war with the Transvaal.

THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The cabinet meeting today was exceedingly brief, but afterwards the defense committee of the cabinet, consisting of the Duke of Devonshire, A. J. Balfour, the Marquis of Lansdowne and Sir Michael Hicks Beach, met at the foreign office held a long conference with Field Marshal Lord Wolsey.

FOUND DEATH IN ALASKAN WATERS

FATE OF NEW YORK PEOPLE

The Roanoke Brings Down Intelligence of a Disaster Near St. Michaels Island.

SEATTLE, Nov. 1.—The treasure ship Roanoke, which arrived here, 14 days from St. Michael and 11 days from Cape Nome, this morning, brings the first story of the death of several New Yorkers, members of an Alaskan prospecting company. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kuhnner, Oscar Becker and a man whose name is unknown.

Becker's body was washed on the beach at St. Michaels island, and later was found the overturned steamer and a scow loaded with machinery, which represented the assets of the company.

The news was brought to St. Michaels by natives, who claim to have seen the steamer overturn during a severe windstorm which prevailed about September 15.

The Roanoke had aboard, according to her owners, drafts and gold dust from Cape Nome amounting to 1,500,000. The principal portion of this is represented by drafts held by John Brynson, Jafet Linderberg, P. H. Anderson and C. W. A. Kjellman, the four original locators of the camp. There were fully 250 others on board, with dust valued at from \$500 to \$15,000 each, a large portion of the same being beach dust.

The principal holdings are about as follows: Linderberg and Brynson, \$400,000; J. R. Anderson, \$100,000; C. W. A. Kjellman, \$75,000; N. P. R. Hatch, \$50,000; P. Schow, \$30,000; H. C. Wilkinson, \$30,000.

Owing, it is alleged, to the impurity of the water at Nome, typhoid fever was quite general at the time the Roanoke left, and 12 deaths had occurred. Six of the patients, who were sufficiently well to travel, came down on the Roanoke, one of the big steamers having been fixed up as a temporary hospital. Jafet Linderberg, one of Cape Nome's richest men, was among the unfortunate. James R. Girling, a well known English mining expert, died of fever at Dutch harbor.

THE LAST BY WATER.

SEATTLE, Nov. 1.—The steamer Humbolt from Skagway, reached this port today with a crowd of 40 Klondikers who left Dawson October 13. They will probably be the last to arrive this season from that district by water.

ENGLAND IS FIGURING UP HER CASUALTIES

The Loss About Two Thousand Men Including Those In the Disaster at Ladysmith.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE WIRES

Owing to the Disabled Cable and the War Department's Close Control of the Lines It is Exceedingly Difficult to Get News From the Seat of War.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—A careful calculation of the British losses in all the engagements since the outbreak of hostilities, excluding the casualties among noncommissioned officers and men in Monday's disaster at Ladysmith which are thus far unknown here, gives a total of 916, to which probably 1200 will be added when the details regarding the Ladysmith reverses are received.

The total is made up as follows: Officers, 133; 18 being killed, 61 wounded and 53 captured. Men, 783; 173 being killed, 492 wounded and 154 captured.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The breakdown of the Delagoa bay cable route, combined with the monopolization of all available telegraph lines by the government and British staff officers, is responsible for the fact that nothing further has arrived from South Africa.

The government has received dispatches rectifying the casualty lists. These will be published today.

Up to midnight nothing had been received concerning Monday's casualties. An unconfirmed statement is published that General Buller had left Cape Town for Ladysmith.

OUR MILITARY FORCES.

We Will Have Over 65,000 Soldiers in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Adjutant General Corbin report shows the standing of the army to be as follows: Regular army, 64,586; Volunteers, 34,574; total, 99,160.

The distribution of these troops up to October 10 last, was as follows: In the United States, 34,229; Puerto Rico, 3,363; Cuba, 11,157; Philippines, 32,215. Enroute to the Philippines, 17,099; Alaska, 499; Hawaii, 466.

General Corbin adds the following: It is expected that by December 1, next, all the infantry regiments of the United States volunteers now there will give a total strength of 2,117 officers and 63,608 enlisted men.

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